INTRODUCTION & DEDICATION

The purpose of this manual is to provide prospective and current licensees in the Texas motor vehicle industry with a guide to the licensing requirements and operational obligations of licensees in easily readable, layman's language. The main focus is the administration of the Texas Transportation Code and the Occupations Code, Title 14, Chapter 2301, formerly known as The Texas Motor Vehicle Commission Code. These codes with the rules passed by the Texas Transportation Commission and the former Texas Motor Vehicle Board comprise the "Dealer Law."

The goal of this manual is to be comprehensive. However it is impossible to cover every imaginable scenario that could occur in the day to day activities of a motor vehicle dealer. Consequently, nothing in this manual will exempt licensees from knowing and abiding by all other applicable statutes, rules, policies, or procedures of the other governmental agencies which regulate some aspect of the motor vehicle industry. Most licensees know that laws and rules change over time, responding to the needs of the public and the changes within the industry. This manual will be updated on a regular basis to keep up with those changes and licensees are encouraged to also keep up through regular continuing education in the laws that govern their business.

This manual is an effort on the part of the staff of the Motor Vehicle Division to build better communications with the licensed dealer body. Our hope is that a well-informed licensee will promote the purpose of the Texas Occupations Code, Chapter 2301, which is to insure a sound system of distributing and selling motor vehicles and to prevent frauds, unfair practices, discriminations, impositions, and other abuses of our citizens. While many individuals have contributed to its production, this manual is dedicated to Carol Kent, Director of Enforcement, Motor Vehicle Division, who has done more for dealer education in a short time than anyone else in the state.

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